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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD

USDOC FOR STEPHEN CONGER

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1. FED DECISION TO HOLD MAY MEETING ALONG WITH LOCAL
FED REP VIEWS ON FED POSITION WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL ON
FEBRUARY 8.

2. GOG SENT TWO LETTERS MARCH 6 RE HIRING ENGINEERING
CONSULTING FIRM. ONE WAS TO PRESIDENT SOFRERAIL STATING
GOG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WOTT PROPOSAL OF CONSORTIUM (WHICH INCLUDES
TAMS, BCEOM AND ELECTRONCONSUL) BUT ASKING FOR COST
AND ALSO STATING GOG QUERYING FED IN THIS MATTER.
OTHER LETTER TO GOG AMBASSADOR TO FED INSTRUCTED HIM TO
SEEK VIEWS OF FED RE PROPOSAL. MINISTER OF PLAN
BOUMAH (WHO WROTE LETTERS AND READ THEM TO ME) TOLD ME
THAT IF FED DELAYED ITS RESPONSE, GOG INTENDED TO PROCEED
ANYWAY.

3. BOUMAH SAID GOG AWARE DIRECTOR OF OCTRA VION
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OPPOSED TO HIRING OF ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRM BUT

BONGO DETERMINED TO PROCEED ANYWAY FOR TWO REASONS: (A)
HE DID NOT BELIEVE OCTRA CAPABLE OF DOING JOB AND DID
NOT WANT TO TAKE ANY CHANCE RAILROAD PROJECT WOULD FOUNDER;
AND (B) SINCE VION IS FRENCH, BONGO DID NOT WANT TO RUN
RISK OTHER DONORS WOULD LATER SAY THAT PROJECT BEING RUN
IN MANNER FAVORING FRENCH OVER OTHER DONORS.
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